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AGENDA
Meeting of the Council of Academic Deans
March 31, 1992
Academic Affairs Conference Room

I. Disposition of the Minutes of the March 3, 1992, Meeting

II. Announcements

III. Action Items

1) Budget, 1992-93
2) Degree Audit System
3) Health Programs
4) Community College
5) Special Assignment (or Release) Time
6) Teacher Appreciation Day/WKU Faculty Visitation Day Program at Bowling Green High School, April 21, 1992

IV. Tabled Items

1) Assessment of Student Outcomes
2) Writing and Thinking Across the Curriculum
3) Programmatic Recommendations in Western XXI
4) Incentive Plan to Stimulate Externally Funded Program Activity (Dean Elmer Gray and Dr. Charles Eison)
5) Post-Assignment Accountability (Release Time)
6) Foreign Travel Supported by the University
7) "Distinguished University Professor"
8) Mathematics Testing for Incoming Freshmen

V. Information Items
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Dr. Robert V. Haynes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present included Drs. J. Michael Brown, Carl R. Martray, Charles E. Kupchella, Ronnie N. Sutton, Elmer Gray, Michael B. Binder, John H. Petersen, and Livingston Alexander. Dr. David Lee represented Dr. Ward Hellstrom.

The minutes of the March 3, 1992, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Prompted by inquiries regarding the status of a proposal to implement a degree audit system at Western, Dr. Haynes asked the deans to consider the previously tabled proposal. Following a discussion of the proposal, which had been submitted by Dr. Ken Modesitt in August, 1990, the council decided to establish a task force to study the feasibility of adopting a Degree Audit System. Each academic dean was asked to submit to Dr. Sutton the name of a college representative who would serve on the task force. In addition to representatives from each college, the task force would include Kyle Wallace, Freida Eggleton, and representatives from the Community College and the Graduate College.

Dr. Haynes asked members of the council to review the paper on health programs that he developed several months ago. He acknowledged that the current financial constraints limit the scope of any restructuring of the programs. But he emphasized that there is an urgent need to discuss (a) the manner in which health programs are administered and (b) prospects for new health programs. Dr. Kupchella indicated that a working committee, comprised of representatives from various health-related areas, is attempting to resolve these issues.

Dr. Haynes informed the council that the Teacher Appreciation Day/WKU Faculty Visitation Day Program would be held at Bowling Green High School on April 21, 1992. He expressed concern that the number of faculty who participate declines every year and solicited ideas as to ways to encourage more involvement. Several suggestions were discussed.

Dr. Petersen presented a revised form depicting instructional load by department. The new form stimulated extensive discussion about the most appropriate way to characterize departmental instructional loads.

Finally, Dr. Gray presented a table showing the proposed 1992-1993 Graduate Assistantship Budget. The display of information showed the number of slots available to each college for out-of-state students and the costs associated with the slots. Dr. Gray received feedback from council members about the proposed budget and out-of-state slots for graduate assistantships.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Livingston Alexander